

Dear Tax Policy Committee:

As you establish an effective, workable, and implementable tax policy, I, as one CT resident, urge you to diligently focus on what our current tax policies have rendered. You all know the stories and numbers. We are losing jobs, residents, and the confidence of the business and resident communities.

Please do not just pass papers and find rationales for our morass. We are in desperate shape. That simple, and you all know it.

I will not lecture or try to define what I hope you know better. However, the tax rate, the property taxes, the overly burdensome and unjustifiable spending by the state, and the gift, death, and probate taxes, unless changed will drive thousands of us from this state in the next few years. I will leave and retire where my assets are not unreasonably taxed and taken from my family. I say politely, "unreasonably," but we know that comparatively to the 50 states, it is usurious and contemptuous.

Please take note of how your constituents fell and note how they are and will continue to vote with their feet. That is a serious issue for a great state--an issue you can reverse. An issue you can remedy by effective policy and law...and restore the desire to live and die in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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